

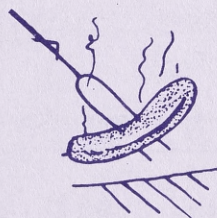
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When: May 12, 1990
Time: 11:30 - ? Food cooked: 12:00 - 1:30
Where: Beach Lake Preserve
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"Internalized Homophobia" will be the subject of the first educational forum sponsored by the Sacramento CAP/PAC Foundation. CAP/PAC (California Capitol Political Action Committee), is a bipartisan, equal gender organization providing financial and political support to candidates supportive of civil rights for gay men and lesbians.

Guest speaker, Barbara Zoloth is a member of the national Campaign To End Homophobia Through Education and a founder of the Speaking of Lesbians speakers bureau. She will discuss ways to identify and acknowledge internalized homophobia and the ways in which it interferes with our work in the community, keeps us from being whole people, and erodes our self-esteem.

"Internalized Homophobia" will be presented on Monday, May 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Townhouse, 1517 21st Street. Admission to the forum is \$7.00 in advance and includes hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar between 5:30 and 6:00. Reservations may be made by sending \$7.00 to CAP/PAC Foundation, 1008 10th Street, Suite 255, Sacramento, 95814. Since seating will be limited, advance ticket reservations are advised. Admission will be \$8.00 at the door.

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A Thank You

Effective May 1990, Linda Ragnetti, Marketing/Advertising Coordinator, and Willie Nevison, Associate, will no longer be serving on the SACWN Steering Committee. Linda is currently attending law school and working a full-time job. Over the years, Linda and Willie have given much of their time and energy to various positions on the Steering Committee. Their hard work and presence will be missed. Good Luck with law school, Linda, and a special thanks to both of you!

Partnership Rights

A recent survey of lesbians ranks Partnership Rights as their top issue for legislative advocacy. The survey was conducted by the Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

As the nation's largest political organization fighting for an end to discrimination against lesbians and gays, HRCF is giving a high priority to the partnership issue. On February 14th, HRCF kicked off its National Family Registry, giving lesbian and gay families a way to publicly declare their relationship.

Lesbians who would like to participate should contact Kathleen Stoll at HRCF in Washington, (202) 628-4160.

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Corporate Coordinator's Report

There was much discussion at April's meeting regarding SACWN's proposed official membership in the Town Council. The Town Council, originally a group formed to identify and deal with violence within the gay and lesbian community, is now being expanded to facilitate an exchange of information and resources among the various gay and lesbian organizations in Sacramento. The Steering Committee voted to join and we will have two votes on the Town Council comprised of a rotating member of the Steering Committee, and Mary S., facilitator of the Lesbian Politics SIG.

We adopted a recommendation from Programs to have reserved seating for pre-registered subscribers and volunteers who are working on the event starting in July. We hope this will address the task of providing seating for those who pre-register but arrive late to an event. Remember, if you pre-register, you will be assured of having a seat.

There was some hot and heavy discussion on next year's budget and we have some much-needed proposals before us which should provide us with the ability to establish a fair and workable budget for the coming year.

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Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Town Council

The Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Town Council accepts as members any organization or association in Sacramento County which has as its primary purpose the support of lesbian and gay issues. SACWN is represented on the Council by the Special Interest Group Facilitator of Lesbian Politics, Mary S.

The Council was responsible for the support and organization of the Candlelight March and rallies March 12 and 13 against the Rev. Lou Sheldon and his Traditional Values Coalition. The event was quite successful and attracted about 600 people over the two day demonstration. Speaking at the rallies were Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly, City Council Members Kim Mueller and Heather Fargo, and Linda Joplin of the National Organization for Women, among others. The Women's Chorus provided entertainment with several wonderful songs.

Gay bashing continues to be a major issue at Council meetings. A number of bar owners were brought together and offered their commitment to increase security, lighting, etc., to ensure the safety of their patrons. SACWN is participating in this effort by keeping the volunteers at our events informed as to what to do in case of threats or incidents.

The Council is open to all as "concerned citizens." You may attend the meeting and be sure of getting a chance to be heard on your issues of interest to the community. Only member organizations, by their appointed representatives, can vote on motions before the Council, but you will be more than welcome to volunteer to speak or serve on committees and provide assistance.

If you have any questions or would like to have your issue heard but cannot attend, please contact Mary S. at 395-0428.

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE

Do you enjoy a pleasant evening of food, fun, cards and camaraderie? If so, you should join the Bridge Brigade. We will kick off the month of May with a marathon at Joan and Marsha's on May 19 at noon. We will also be playing on Friday, May 25th at 7:00. Lessons are continuing for beginners and intermediates on May 18th. If you have any questions, call Joyce at 1-676-4317.

GOLF

Call Melody at 392-3609.



SINGLES ONLY

The Singles Group is celebrating Spring in the Sacramento area with a Sunday Brunch Potluck, Sunday May 6, starting at 11:00 a.m. Good food, nice people, warm friendly conversation, what more could you need? For more information, call Sue at 927-8320.



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Call Sharon, 454-6056.



OUTDOOR RECREATION

Outdoor Rec'ers are starting to roll. In March, 14 members trekked to Pt. Reyes for a picnic, a hike, and even a few whale sightings. Keep your schedules open for June 23rd; we'd like to have a bike ride on Angel Island in the Bay Area. So, call Ellen at 441-7962.



Also, we're considering a trip to Hearst Castle in the Fall. So, if you have any input on the date, or would like to participate in the planning, again call Ellen.



SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN

The meeting will be May 15th, 7:30 p.m. Topic will be business goods and equipment, comparing price and quality, where to get it, also buying as a group. For further info, call Aerial, 452-5503.

METAPHYSICS/SPIRITUALITY

Call Karen at 452-3091.



LESBIAN MOTHERS AND KIDS

Call Madlyn, 487-2726.



BOOK GROUP

Did you ever see the movie Fahrenheit 451? That's the one where it is illegal to read and people memorize books and tell stories to each other. Well, TVC hasn't gotten us to that point yet. But, just in case, isn't it time for you to join the book group? The selection for this month is *Elsa: I Come With My Songs*. Meeting on Sunday, May 20th at 3 p.m. For more information, call Gretchen, 922-6287.

LATE BLOOMING LESBIANS

Sue and Debbie are in the process of moving, so this month's blurb will be short and to the point. We have a social planned for May 5th, and a support group on May 22nd. Please call for more information. Debbie, 676-4342 or call Carol, 987-1042.

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CULTURE CLUB

Hey kids, let's go ride the merry-go-round! We'll pack up a picnic lunch, pile into the car and head to the Bay Area to ride on those wonderful Victorian carousels.

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RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

To date, there has been little interest in forming an RV traveling group. As summer approaches, anyone interested can call the facilitator, Jayne, at 921-6642.

LESBIAN POLITICS

- Speakers and events
- Getting information to and from SACWN members
- Finding out what's going on in other Gay and Lesbian organizations
- Participation in the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Town Council
- Gay and Lesbian Festival and Parade

All of this and more! Join us. We need your interest and energy. No experience necessary. We meet twice monthly. Call Mary at 395-0428.

TOP TEN

Do you sometimes feel like the oldest existing lesbian? Come and check it out at this group for 50+ women as we meet to share our wisdom, humor, and zest for life. Call Ariel, 483-9794 for information.

The SIGGY this month goes to Ariel of Top Ten. Last month's SIGGY was ritsy bubble bath.

A preliminary look at the membership surveys lets me know that you all have fabulous ideas for new groups, e.g. a 4x4 (four wheelers), arts and crafts, women of color, monthly lesbian videos (non-erotica). So, we need volunteers to get these groups started. Give me a call if you're interested in being in a group that doesn't currently exist. Honest, I won't twist your arm to be a facilitator! If you **are** interested in being a facilitator for a new group, your call will also be welcome.

All of SIG coordinators deserve a "hurrah" for their work as volunteers. This month, we'd like to acknowledge Gretchen of Book Group for her outstanding organizational skill and her ability to keep this group thriving in a lively and fun way. Because of her efforts, not only has the Book Group grown in size, but its members have had a chance to participate in stimulating discussions on a variety of literature, both prose and poetry.

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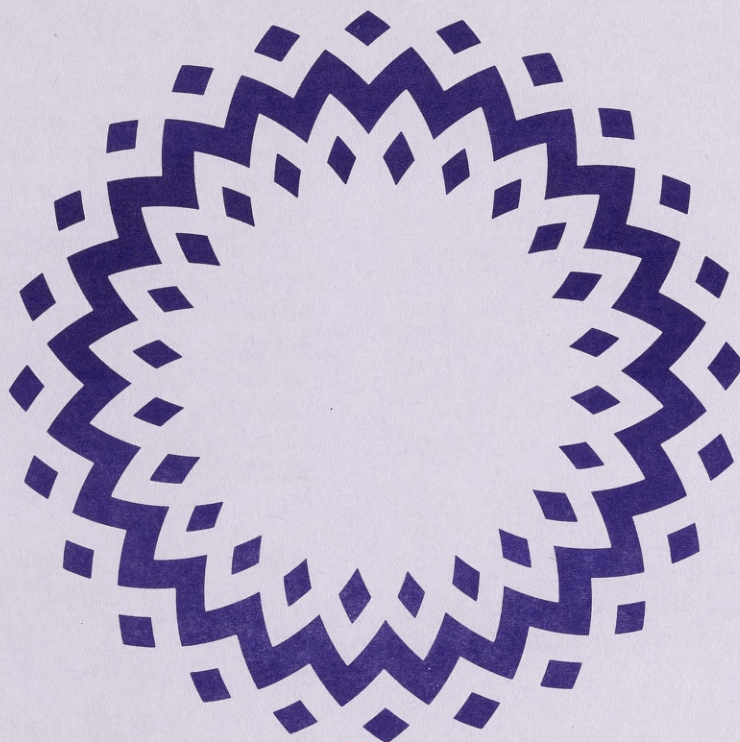
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